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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 3 January 2003, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-12 and 25 and replace the indicated claims with the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) A kit for detecting the presence or absence of one or more target compounds, the kit comprising: